

18. Amendment offered by Mr. Downey:

Amend Rule XI,2(g)(2) by inserting after "House of Representatives" the following:

" No Member may be excluded from non-participatory attendance at any hearing of any committee or subcommittee, the the exception of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, unless the House of Representatives shall by majority vote authorize a particular committee or subcommittee, for purposes of a particular series of hearings on a particular article of legislation or on a particular subject of investigation, to close its meetings to Members by the same procedures designated in this subparagraph for closing meetings to the public":

19. Amendment offered by Mr. Harris:

Amend Rule XI,2(h) to read as follows:

"Quorum for taking testimony and certain other action

"(h)(1) Each committee may fix the number of its members to constitute a quorum for taking testimony and receiving evidence which shall be not less than two.

" (2) Each committee (except the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Committee on Ways and Means) may fix the number of its members to constitute a quorum for taking any action other than the reporting of a measure or recommendation which shall be not less than one-third of the members."

Amend Rule XI,2(g) by inserting the word "majority" for the word "quorum" wherever it appears.

20. Amendment offered by Mr. Bingham:

Amend Rule X,1(c) by inserting immediately after subparagraph (10) the following new subparagraph:
"(11) Military applications of nuclear energy."

Amend Rule X,1(j) by inserting immediately after subparagraph (16) the following new subparagraph:
"(17) Regulation of the domestic nuclear energy industry, including regulation of research and development reactors and nuclear regulatory research."

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Remarks:

Bob Francis, of the transition staff, gave me the attached excerpt of amendments to the House Rules approved by the Democratic Caucus the other day. Item 18, amending the old bugaboo, Rule XI, would permit any member to attend executive sessions of any committee (except the Ethics Committee) unless other arrangements are approved by the full House. I have asked our guys to discuss this Rule with our oversight and other committees in the House to determine the implications for us if it is approved by the House (which I expect that it will).

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